Procurement of Ragi and Jowar from Karnataka

2140. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are procuring ragi and jowar from Karnataka; and

(b) if not, whether Government would take steps to procure ragi and jowar, the staple foodgrains in parts of Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) A quantity of 15413 MT of ragi has been procured by KFCSC (State Government Agency) during current kharif marketing season in Karnataka. However, no jowar has been procured so far.

(b) All arrangements/efforts were made to procure ragi and jowar which conformed to Government of India specifications in current marketing season.

Foodgrain for Food for Work Programme in Karnataka

2141. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of foodgrains being presently released to Karnataka for the Food for Work progrmme;

(b) whether Karnataka has requested to release more foodgrains for the programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Karnataka Government has also requested to procure ragi and jowar from the State; and

(e) if so, the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) No special allocation of foodgrains has so far been made in favour of Government of Karnataka for food for Work Programme in the